

## GERMANY WILL GRANT REQUEST FOR THE RECALL

Report from Berlin Says That the Government Undoubtedly Will Comply with American Government's Wishes in Accordance with Diplomatic Usages

## SEC. LANSING SENDS AN EXPLANATION

Declares the Military and Naval Activities of Boy-ed and Von Papen Made the Further Service of German Attaches Distasteful to Washington

Berlin, via London, Dec. 7.—The request received here from the United States for the recall of Captain Boy-ed and Von Papen, attaches of the German embassy at Washington undoubtedly will be complied with, in accordance with diplomatic usages, it is stated.

## ENTIRELY TOO ACTIVE TO SUIT WASHINGTON

Said To Be Reply By Secretary Lansing on German Request for Reasons Why Boy-ed and Von Papen Are Not Desired.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Secretary of State Lansing has replied to Germany that the American government's request for the withdrawal of Capt. Boy-ed and Von Papen was entirely because of their military and naval activities. Secretary Lansing's reply was delivered in a long communication which the German embassy immediately forwarded to Berlin. Officials of the embassy declined to comment upon it.

President Wilson has fully approved Secretary Lansing's decision, and it was said authoritatively to-day that it will be adhered to no matter what Germany does. One reason the government will not furnish Germany with the specific reasons for the request for the recalls is its determination to keep secret the sources of its information. Reports involving other men in this country are under investigation and these the government does not desire to disclose until ready to take further action.

## 300 BULGARIANS SHOT IN MUTINY?

Unconfirmed Report Says that Troops were Ordered to Proceed to Gallipoli Peninsula to Aid Turks and Refused.

London, Dec. 7.—An unconfirmed report of the mutiny of a Bulgarian infantry regiment, received in Amsterdam from Frankfurt, has been forwarded by a correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company. The report is to the effect that the regiment was ordered to proceed to the Gallipoli peninsula to aid the Turks and that when it refused to obey a command, 300 of the mutineers were shot.

## TROOPS RUSH TO WEST FRONT.

Germans May Plan to Initiate Offensive or to Resist Big Drive.

London, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Rotterdam says: "Newspapers from south and west Germany, which had been stopped for a fortnight, came to hand to-day, which may mean that a concentration of German troops on the western front for the expected big battle has been completed."

"Undoubtedly troops have been pouring into France and Belgium for a week, but it cannot be learned precisely whether as a precaution against an expected allied offensive or whether Germany will take the initiative."

## A BUSY BRITISH SUBMARINE.

Destroyed Turkish Warship, Sank a Steamer and Four Sailing Vessels, Etc.

London, Dec. 7.—The Turkish torpedo boat destroyer Yavuz has been sunk in the Sea of Marmara by a British submarine, it was announced in a British official statement last evening. A supply steamer and four sailing vessels also were destroyed by the submarine on December 3 and 4.

The official statement is as follows: "A report has been received from one of the British submarines operating in the sea of Marmara describing her recent activities."

"On December 2 she fired into and damaged a train on the Anatolian railway."

"On December 3 she torpedoed and sank the Turkish destroyer Yavuz outside the Gulf of Iznik. She picked up two officers and 40 men of the destroyer's crew and placed them on board a sailing vessel."

"On December 4 she sank a supply steamer of 2,000 tons off Penderis by gunfire and also destroyed four sailing vessels carrying supplies."

Those who are to make donations to the various tables at the fair of the Revolutionary War are requested to bring the same to the church early Wednesday afternoon.

## TO-DAY'S WAR REPORTS.

German participation on a large scale in the Mesopotamia campaign is probable, according to reports reaching Switzerland. The naming of Field Marshal Von Der Goltz as commander of the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia is commented upon in this connection. In some quarters it is surmised that the German efforts against the British in the east may be directed toward the Persian gulf rather than the Suez canal, as has been hinted.

A general war council of entente allies is being convened in Paris under the presidency of General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief.

Distrust of Greece continues to be expressed by the press of the entente powers, notably by the French and the Italian newspapers. More vigorous measures to induce Greece to comply with the allied demands is again being urged.

According to reports through Holland, the German lines in France and Belgium have been heavily reinforced within the past fortnight but it is not known whether this move is made in view of a possible attack by the entente allies or for a German offensive movement. The only activities on the French front reported by Paris to-day comprised rather lively cannonading in Champagne and local engagements near Saint Souple.

## SERIOUS BLOW TO VILLAGE.

East Middlebury Lost Wood Novelties Co. Plant by Fire.

Middlebury, Dec. 7.—The plant of the J. B. Bryant Manufacturing company at East Middlebury, five miles from this village, was destroyed by fire yesterday, causing a loss estimated at \$12,000, partially covered by insurance. The plant employed 25 men. The company makes wood novelties.

The employees were at dinner when the fire broke out, but it was caused, it is thought, by a hot-box. The Middlebury fire department was summoned and with the aid of the chemical and a bucket brigade formed by villagers managed to save a large amount of lumber piled near the building and dry-house.

The mill, which was built in 1871, and since considerably added to, was owned by Austin Peck and leased by Mr. Bryant, who owned the machinery, valued at \$7,000. A private electric plant to furnish power for the mill and lights for his home was valued at \$1,000 by Mr. Bryant. Orders amounting to \$500 were ready to be shipped to-day and enough orders had been received to keep the mill running until next May, with good prospects of business afterwards. Mr. Bryant carried insurance of \$2,500 on the building.

The company was the only large industry in the little village and is a big loss to the community.

## REVOLVER IN HAND.

Body of Dr. J. Frank Clark was Found at Manchester, N. H.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 7.—Dr. J. Frank Clark, a well known horseman and veterinarian, was found dead in the living room at his home, 348 East High street, at 7:30 last evening by his daughter, Mrs. Abbie Walker. He shot himself through the head with a 38-caliber revolver, which was found in his hand. Medical Referee Dr. Maurice Watson took charge of the body, finding that death was self-inflicted.

Dr. Clark was one of the best known men in Manchester. He served in the Civil war and for many years was in charge of the stable of Col. John B. Clarke, founder of the Mirror and American.

Dr. Clark was a native of Bradford, 74 years old, and lived in Manchester more than 30 years. His wife died about a year ago, and he had been given to melancholy ever since. He had a housekeeper, but she went away two days ago, and in his loneliness he is supposed to have yielded to despondency. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Walker, and two sons, Dow Clark of Boston and William Clark of Manchester.

## BRYAN MUST TESTIFY.

Whether He Revealed Any U. S. Naval Secrets in Gun Sale to Greece.

New York, Dec. 7.—William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, has been served at his hotel here, it was announced yesterday, with an order signed by Supreme Justice Gieseler, requiring him to appear Saturday for examination regarding the transactions connected with the sale of the United States government to Greece of two battleships.

Mr. Bryan is to be asked whether any secrets of fire control, aiming or other control of the guns of the war vessels sold were confided to the Greek government.

The order was secured in connection with a libel suit brought by Petros P. Tatzaris, a Greek resident of this city, against a Greek newspaper, and Solomon J. Vlasto and Demetrios J. Vlasto.

## REPUBLICANS CARRY PORTLAND.

Won Maine City Election for First Time in Five Years.

Portland, Me., Dec. 7.—The Republicans carried this city yesterday, electing William C. Chapman mayor by a majority of 1,248 over William M. Ingraham, Democrat, and carried six of the nine wards by decisive majorities. The vote for mayor was: Chapman, 8,730; Ingraham, 7,482.

The city council on a joint ballot will elect 24 Republicans and 12 Democrats, to 18 Republicans and 18 Democrats during the present year.

## DEAD AT AGE OF 90.

Mrs. Armenia Richardson Died Yesterday in St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Armenia Richardson, aged 90 years, died yesterday morning in the home where she lived for the past 64 years. Her husband, Stephen Richardson, died 46 years ago, and for 30 years she managed the large farm alone. She was the last of a family of nine children and her old age was marked by remarkable mental acuity and ability. She is survived by a son, Arthur E. Richardson.

## PLANS LARGER ARMY

President Wilson Would Also Accelerate Construction of United States Navy as a Means of Asserting Rights of a People Against Aggression

## CHASTISES "HYPHENS" MOST VIGOROUSLY

Pleads for Building Up of Merchant Marine to Make United States Independent on the High Seas—Speaks Very Friendly to South America

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The galleries of the House of Representatives were crowded with spectators to-day when President Wilson appeared and read his message to Congress, while hundreds, disappointed at their inability to secure admission, stood in the corridors to see the president as he passed. He frequently was applauded as he read.

Rumors that the suffragists might attempt to make a demonstration, given color by the reports that lawyers representing the women had made an examination of precedents governing contempt in the House, resulted in extra guards being placed in the public galleries and scattered about among the throngs in the corridors and elsewhere about the capitol, but there was no demonstration.

Every recommendation embodied in the message had to do with comprehensive plans for strengthening the national defenses. The program included the army and navy plans already made public by Secretaries Garrison and Daniels; legislation for government-owned merchant ships; a rural credit law; the Philippine and Porto Rico bills which failed of final passage at the last session; conservation legislation; a law giving federal aid to industrial and vocational education; and the creation of a commission to inquire into the transportation problem.

Naturalized and native-born Americans who, sympathizing with belligerents abroad, have plotted and conspired to violate their own country's neutrality were scathingly denounced by the president, and Congress was urged to provide adequate federal laws to deal with such offenders.

Internal taxation was proposed as the means of providing the money necessary to add to the naval and military establishments. Sources of taxation suggested were incomes, gasoline, naphtha, automobiles and internal explosion engines, fabricated iron and steel, and a stamp tax on bank checks. Extension of the war revenue bill and continuance of the present tariff on sugar were recommended, and the sale of bonds opposed.

## Why United States Is Neutral in War.

This message was the longest Mr. Wilson has ever delivered to Congress. He began with a statement that since he last addressed Congress:

"The European war has extended its threatening and sinister scope until it has swept into its flame some portion of every quarter of the globe, not excepting our own hemisphere, has altered the whole face of international affairs, and now presents a prospect of reorganization and reconstruction such as statesmen and peoples have never before called upon to attempt before."

The United States has remained neutral, he said, because it had no interest in the causes and because it was the duty of the nations of the western hemisphere to prevent collective economic ruin.

Friendly Attitude Toward South America. The president pointed to the attitude of the United States towards Mexico as proving that this country has no selfish motives in its interest in countries in Central and South America. There was a time, he said, when the United States looked upon itself as a sort of guardian of the republics to the south as against the encroachment or efforts of political control from Europe.

"But," he added, "it was always difficult to maintain such a role without offense to the pride of the peoples whose freedom of action we sought to protect, and every thoughtful man of affairs must welcome the altered circumstances of the new day in which light we now stand, when there is no claim of guardianship or thought of ward, but, instead, a full and honorable association of partners between ourselves and our neighbors, in the interests of all America, North and South."

"Our concern for the independence and the prosperity of the states of Central and South America is not altered. We retain unshaken the spirit that has inspired us throughout the whole life of our government and which was so healthily put into words by President Monroe. We still mean always to make a common cause of national independence and of political liberty in America. But that purpose is now better understood as for

Among the recent visitors of the house of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Rogers of South Main street were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lane of Plattsburgh, N. Y.; William G. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. George M. Rogers of West Chester, N. Y.

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## VOTE BUYING ALLEGED.

In New Bedford, One of 14 Massachusetts Cities, Holding Election To-day.

Boston, Dec. 7.—Sharp contests have taken place in many campaigns preceding the municipal elections held in fourteen Massachusetts cities to-day. Outside interest is attracted particularly to New Bedford where there have been many charges of vote buying and three arrests have recently been made in this connection. Mayor Hathaway is opposed by Charles S. Ashley who has served the city as chief executive seventeen times.

Other cities voting to-day were Brockton, Fall River, Fitchburg, Gloucester, Haverhill, Holyoke, Marlboro, Northampton, Pittsfield, Quincy, Springfield, Taunton and Waltham.

## MONTPELIER

Youth Was Caught Leaving House on East Liberty Street.

On a warrant issued by Grand Juror A. C. Theault, James Boyte, aged 15, was arrested to-day on charge of breaking and entering. The offense is alleged to have been committed about a week ago, the boy having been seen going into the Guernsey house on East Liberty street. Neighbors notified the police and Officer Sloan apprehended the lad as he was coming out of the house after a brief wait in hiding. Owing to the boy's age, he will be taken into juvenile court and it is possible he may be placed on probation.

Mrs. Evelyn Goodhue, wife of a Berlin farmer, paid a fine of \$1 and costs of \$8.50 in city court yesterday afternoon, pleading guilty to shoplifting. She admitted taking socks and postcards from the Woolworth store and a pair of gloves from the McCue store.

The regular meeting of the Business and Professional Men's association will be held at 7:30 o'clock this evening in the board of trade room at the city hall. Rev. H. A. Flint, who recently resigned as rector of the Episcopal church, is secretary of the association and he has made preparations to have his accounts audited.

Miss Mildred Brooks left this morning for Windsor, where she will act as court stenographer during the December term of Windsor county court.

Herschel Conney is detained at his home on Liberty street by illness, and Michael N. Desautels of St. Albans is acting as ticket agent at the Central Vermont station in his absence.

County Clerk Lewis C. Moody has received several hundred copies of the new rules of practice for supreme court, county court and the court of chancery, which went into effect Dec. 1. The rules were formulated and adopted at a meeting of the supreme court justices and superior judges, held in this city several weeks ago, the rules being made known to the practice act passed by the last legislature.

County Game Warden H. J. Conant has gone to Rutland to attend a trial in Rutland city court of a case in which the respondent is charged with shooting a fawn. The case against Lewis Provencher of this city, charged with a similar offense, will be tried in city court Saturday, the respondent having asked for a jury trial.

In probate court yesterday afternoon, George V. Crosscut of Waterbury, settled his account as executor of the last will and testament of Edwin C. Crosscut, late of Waterbury.

The case of F. Bonnazzi against Louis N. Wood, doing business as the Green Mountain Granite company, First National bank, trustee, was entered yesterday afternoon in the county clerk's office. The amount named by the plaintiff is \$350.

A meeting of the officials of the Capital City Bowling league, organized last year will be called this week, it is expected, to make preparations for the opening of the league this season, probably after the holidays.

A deed has been filed in the city clerk's office, recording the sale of a house on Cedar street by Frank and Henrietta M. Winslow, to Louise M. Gridley. The consideration is not given.

Joseph T. Smith of this city, an employee of the Magnesia Talk company of Waterbury, was operated upon at Heaton hospital yesterday afternoon for appendicitis. He was taken into the hospital yesterday noon.

Mrs. William Hunton and child went last evening to Northfield for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Sarah M. Lawson of Prospect street left this morning for Weston, Penn., where she will make an extended visit with relatives.

Mrs. E. H. Smith of the Barre road left this morning for Boston, for a several weeks' visit with relatives.

Mrs. G. J. Darling and child, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. M. I. Dean, left last evening for Dodge City, Kan.

Mrs. L. D. Taft of Main street has gone to Boston for a brief visit.

John J. Sowles of Barre was appointed to-day in probate court guardian for Albert C. Denning of Barre, who had been adjudged mentally incapable of caring for his property. Byron C. Kendall of Enosburg Falls settled his accounts as administrator of the estate of Mortimer J. Lynch, also known as Merton J. Lynch, late of Montpelier.

A conference was held at the Y. M. C. A. last evening by representatives of women's organizations and business interests together with the secretary and physical directors of the Y. M. C. A., relative to the request for the use of the gymnasium by girls one day in each week. As a result of the conference a committee was appointed to investigate and ascertain the number of young ladies who would like the privileges of the gymnasium, this committee to report next Monday evening. It is hoped that 200 young ladies can be interested and that an organization of girls will be formed as an adjunct to the Y. M. C. A. work.

The hearing of the claim of L. H. F. Howell against the L. A. Flint estate, which was to have been heard in bankruptcy court this morning, was postponed until later in the week because of the illness of Mr. Howell's attorney, Edward H. Turner, is busy in California county court at St. Johnsbury.

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## FORCED WAY TO SAFETY

Two Williams College Instructors Asleep in Building When Fire Broke Out

## CHEMICAL BUILDING WAS DESTROYED

Valuable Library and Quantity of Metals and Chemicals Burned To-day

Williamstown, Mass., Dec. 7.—Fire early this morning destroyed the Thompson chemical laboratory at Williams college, a three-story brick structure, with a loss of \$100,000. Brainard Mears and Cornelius Brown, instructors in the college, were asleep on the third floor, being the only persons in the building. They both escaped. The fire is believed to have been due to spontaneous combustion.

A valuable library and a quantity of metals and chemicals, which it is said cannot be replaced because of the war, were destroyed. The firemen succeeded in preventing the explosion of a tank in the basement containing 200 pounds of chlorine gas.

## "98-ERS" AT ANNUAL BANQUET.

There Were Few Dull Moments When Spanish War "Vets" Got Together.

Memories of '98, the first, fine, carelessly eager patriotism awakened by the call to arms, then the sultry days at Chickamauga, "the park," with its colorful lights and drab shadows, and lastly the long road home with never a glimpse of actual strife, memories of all sorts, were revived at Hotel Barre last evening when a near two-dozen of the old boys got together for their annual autumn banquet. Washington county veterans of the Spanish-American war numbered 22, men from Barre, Montpelier and Northfield, when the first call to dinner sounded.

Then everybody who is anybody in the county insisted on drafting another veteran, just for the sake of making the number 23. Civil war veterans unavailable they would have conscripted a veteran of the Fenian raid had not a real, dyed-in-the-wool vet. of the preferred vintage been persuaded to join the banqueters. E. B. Hyde of Salisbury, a traveling salesman, needed no better credentials than a membership ticket in the hospital corps and an honorable record in the Philippines to get him past the outposts.

Business of comparing what the menu had to offer with the old chuck at "the park" continued until someone suggested that it was time to eat. What those 23 survivors of our last foreign war did to the edibles was exactly what any perfectly normal 23 would have done under similar circumstances. Excellent service went with superiority in cuisine and over the course when the stragglers came coming down the last quarter, the early finishers were not at all remiss in showering their best epigrams on the fare.

A brief business session offered the association secretary, A. G. Eaton, an opportunity for reading his annual report, a record of doings which reflected favorably on the diligence of the officers in providing recreation and refreshments on a certain anniversary in mid-May.

In its impetuosity, the committee forgot to procure a toastmaster, but something of the old volunteering habit prompted a number of the veterans to offer themselves up on the altar of after-banquet oratory. Because he consistently shamed his volunteering comrades by shunning the publicity of such a position, William Wishart was appointed and escorted to the big end of the board.

To make the banquet the ecstatic success that it surely was, the chairman went down the line on one side and up the line on the other side, until a bit of reminiscence, the ghost of a forgotten song, or a lifting measure of poetry had been extracted from every last member.

Tom Mercer and Dr. Joe W. Jackson sang "Brooklyn Bridge" and "Sambo in the Oneysville Patch." Pop Eaton selected a well-poised (the poise was Pop's) piece of didactic poetry as his 1915 contribution to the good things in rhetoric and song. George Thibodeau, as did W. W. Russell and Col. O. D. Clark of Montpelier and W. O. Patten of the capital. Everybody sang "Tipperary" and someone was having something to say about singing "I Didn't Raise My Boy To Be a Peace Nut," when a warning toot from a C. V. engine somewhere out in the offing suggested to the Montpelier delegates the idea of going home.

The following roster comprises faithfully with the line-up when the fun began: T. J. Mercer, F. C. Eaton, A. B. Goss, William Wishart, Clayton Meeker, W. W. Russell, William Milne, George N. Tilden, Ben Sawtelle, James Sullivan, Charles Whiston, Dr. Joe W. Jackson, Montpelier, Karl Forsell, C. B. Boyce, Col. O. D. Clark, A. G. Eaton, E. S. Meigs, W. A. Patten, E. H. Patten, Northfield, J. A. Greenwood, Salisbury, E. B. Hyde, St. Albans, Col. J. G. Norton.

BURIAL AT WEST TOPSHAM.

Following Funeral of Mrs. Lillie W. Sanborn in Barre.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie W. Sanborn, wife of L. F. Sanborn of Tree Hill, whose death occurred Thursday evening, were held at the home Monday afternoon at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. George H. Holt, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. The bearers were: Fred Sanborn and Frank Sanborn of Barre; Mrs. Frank Allen and Walter Perkins. The remains were taken to West Topsham for interment.

All those selling tickets to the "Hampton Lane" are asked to bring money this evening.

A Mass of Boston arrived in the city to-day to pass the holiday season at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. S. Davis at Merchant street.

## A HAPPY REUNION.

On Occasion of Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. David Bolles.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. David Bolles on Trow hill was the scene of a happy reunion yesterday when the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends of the couple gathered to help them celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. In speaking of their wedding day, Dec. 6, 1865, Mr. Bolles mentioned the fact that on that day he drove to the wedding in a buggy and that there was not a particle of snow to be seen.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bolles lived successively in Berlin, Barre Town, Plainfield, and Washington, finally moving to Barre sixteen years ago. For the past ten of these years, they have lived in the house on the east hill which is now their home. Mr. Bolles has been both a farmer and a carpenter, working at the latter trade until a bad fall in October, 1913, forced him to give up work entirely.

Their marriage was blessed with seven children, all of whom are living; Flora, the eldest child, is the wife of Charles Johnson of Orange; Wallace is a farmer residing in Plainfield; Alma is now Mrs. Forrest Cutler of Orange; Hiley Clarence is a contractor and builder in Montpelier; Forrester is employed in a furniture mill in Tonawanda, N. Y.; Rosa married Frank Spaulding of this city; and Esther makes her home with her people on Trow hill. Mr. and Mrs. Bolles have sixteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

David Bolles was the son of John and Esther Bolles, pioneer residents of Marshfield. He made his home in that place until his 21st birthday when he enlisted in the 4th Vermont regiment, Co. F, for service in the Civil war. He was at the front in the battle of Petersburg and remained in the service until the close of the war. Of his eight brothers and sisters, only two are alive at present, George Bolles of Plainfield and Henry Bolles of Marshfield. Mrs. Bolles was one of the fifteen children of Asa and Phoebe Bates, who were among the first settlers of Barre town. Their home was on the old turnpike road between here and East Barre, being located near the spring house. She has one brother, Center Bates, of Liberty street, and one sister, Mrs. Orville Hudson of East Barre, alive to-day.

About thirty-five people were served at the dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Bolles to their guests. After the banquet came recitations by the grandchildren, Karl Bolles, Nathan Johnson, Hazel Johnson and Orin Spaulding; selections on the organ by Mrs. Nellie H. Perry of Montpelier, and reading of a poem, "The Golden Wedding," by Mrs. H. C. Bolles of the same place. A purse of gold was presented by the relatives and friends. The dining room was tastefully decorated with green and red and set off with bunches of flowers. The host and hostess, though both have passed the seventieth year, took a lively interest in all that was done and seemed capable of carrying out the parting wishes of their guests who expressed the hope that the couple would have many more happy years together.

## MOTHER JONES' VISIT POSTPONED.

"Miner's Angel" Cannot Visit Barre Until December 15.

Circumstances have combined to prevent Mother Jones from coming to Barre this week. But Mrs. Jones, who is known better by many people as the "miner's angel," has promised to come to Barre next week and among her staunch admirers here this promise has injected a good bit of sunshine where deep gloom prevailed when it was first noted about that she had cancelled her speaking engagement in the opera house Wednesday evening. The following telegram received last night by Secretary Silvio L. Card of the Central Labor union of Barre and vicinity, is self-explanatory:

"Mr. S. L. Card, James street, Barre, Vt., Dec. 6, 1915.

"Impossible for me to leave Indianapolis this week. Regret very much my inability to fill engagement at Barre on the 8th. Would appreciate postponement until 15th. Mother Jones."

So it happens that the local committee of arrangements has decided to postpone the mass meeting until Dec. 15, in conformity with Mother Jones' wishes. In a statement made to The Times to-day, Secretary Card said: "The members of the committee regret very much that the mass meeting had to be postponed, but hope the public will bide with us and turn out in full force to hear Mother Jones on the 15th."

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Bear in mind the venison and most-pleasant supper in the Presbyterian church Saturday night. Don't walk home for supper when you can get a good wholesome meal for 25c and save a few steps—adv.

The ladies and pastor's union of the Hedding Methodist church will hold their monthly business meeting at the church Thursday at 2:30 p. m. Following this a social will be held, when it is hoped that all articles on hand may be disposed of. As this is the last meeting of the year it is asked that all dues be paid at this time. Thursday evening at 7:30 a social will be held at the church with Miss Davis and Miss Burleigh as the guests of honor. Everybody is cordially invited.

Evidence indicating that barbers who received a liberal allowance of cigars yesterday, when a wager made by A. Smith and Dr. V. C. Goodrich was paid by Mr. Smith, will soon be smoking on the dock at hand this morning, when the loss is expected to be paid. The case came back with information calculated to confound his opponent in the debate on international amities. Mr. Smith has the word of a local attorney for it that British-born American citizens are liable to conscription in Great Britain, should the compulsory service act be enforced in the empire. It is learned that Attorney S. H. Jackson, consulted by the debaters yesterday, did not decline unequivocally that Dr. Goodrich's contention was legally sound, and now Attorney William Wishart, in a reply to Mr. Smith, expresses his opinion that a British-born American citizen, should his age qualify him under a conscription act, would be liable to service if he stayed within British soil. In this connection, the contention is made that the British government is never a party to nationalization proceedings in the United States, and that a person British-born is always a British subject in the eyes of the British government.

## CITY SECURES NEW AUDITOR

William Stephen Healy, Succeeded J. Alfred Healy, Now an Alderman

## MERTZ PROPERTY TO BE DISPOSED OF

Large Grist of Bills Payable Received Official Approval

Directly following the regular monthly meeting of the city council last evening, the aldermanic board convened in brief session and acted on the mayor's nomination of William Stephen Healy as a member of the auditing board to succeed J. Alfred Healy, recently appointed alderman from ward two to succeed John F. Cook. Mr. Stephen's nomination was confirmed unanimously. The new auditor is employed in the office of Burke Bros. and is said to possess ample qualifications for the auditing board.

Few matters of major importance came before the council. One more and probably for the last time the Mertz property was considered and on the favorable report of the property committee a resolution was adopted authorizing the mayor to execute a deed for the transfer of the house and a small piece of land to James Alexander for a consideration of \$1,000. The property has been in the possession of the city for several years, having been purchased when the idea gained hold on a former council that a house could be used in sheltering unfortunate families unable to pay rent. As a practical business proposition, the idea was never a notable success and for some time past the city has been receiving rent for the property. It is proposed to divert the selling price to the sinking fund.

Ladd's committee, protected those several months from night strollers by two securely locked iron gates, one at either end, is to be lighted no longer at the expense of the city. A proposal to install a street light in the woods on Tremont street half way between the Currier street and Camp street intersections found ready favor with most of the councillors when it was suggested that the Ladd's court light be transferred to that darksome nook. Alderman Rossi stated that the city had been paying \$18 per year for a street light that seemed to benefit only those persons whose possession of keys permits them to frequent the court. For one he favored the Tremont street light if the transfer could be effected. His motion to transfer was seconded by Alderman Keast and unanimously carried.

Wire Inspector C. C. Perkins presented a budget of lighting permits, along with favorable reports that were accepted and recommended for council action. Permits were granted, therefore, in the following cases: West Second Street Sharpening Machine company, to install two five-horsepower motors; Mrs. Mary David, to wire restaurant at 311 North Main street for lights; Burke Bros., to install 15-horsepower motor at Smith street plant; Mrs. A. Gabelloni, to wire house on Blackwell street; Guidici Bros., to install motors on Willey street; Presbury-Coykendall company, to install motors at granite plant, Thomas Stacy, to wire cottage on Brook street; Gerrard-Barclay company, to install motor at stone plant; Novelli & Calegari, to install motor at stone plant; Young Bros., to install motor at stone plant; H. C. Patterson, to wire cottage on Nelson street; C. B. Croft, to wire store at 262 North Main street; Louis Dellois Granite company, to wire for new lights in West Second street granite plant.

Inspector George M. Rand's monthly report on minor building permits was also read and accepted.

Alderman Shuttle's obituary notice on a hen owned by Clifton C. More of Tremont street received due attention, as the young poultry breeder was awarded the customary fee of 75 cents to cover his loss. It was stated that a well-known domestic animal was responsible for the untimely